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COLORWAR 2017!!!

Could it really be??? Nah, impossible! But it seemed so real!!! I suppose that's because the Camp Areivim Head Staff have been devising and executing amazing Colorwar Breakouts for so many years, this one was no different! So convincing and so exhilarating, but we'll get back to that in a minute. First, a quick wrap up!

On Monday, the week began with a unique intensity in Leagues. Campers were feeling the end of the season coming around the bend and were giving it their all in their League games. The Senior Division also enjoyed a team-versus-team competition that tested their wit, grit, skill, stamina, speed and agility to win ices for their entire bunk. It was incredible as Rabbi Bennett explained the rules and Rabbi Greenfield guided campers in their quest for victory. Congrats to the winning bunks!

Monday and Wednesday evenings were also the final installments of our very successful MIT Extreme Night Activity Program. A HUGE yasher ko'ach to Rabbi Robinson for

organizing, arranging and supervising the awesome night activities this summer.

First, on Monday, the MITs had a tenacious inter-camp basketball game against Camp Machaneh Yisroel. What a game! Big shout outs to our MITs for playing a great game and, more importantly, for their tremendous achdus and midos demonstrated throughout the game. Then, on Wednesday night, the Division met Rabbi Robinson at Carlos & Gabby's for a special MIT Extreme End of the Summer Banquet and Awards Ceremony. Campers were able to preplace their orders and arrived to a table laden with the delicious delicacies available at Carlos & Gabby's. Rabbi Bennett shared Divrei Torah while thanking Rabbi Robinson and Rabbi Greenfield for making the MIT Division so amazing this summer. Rabbi Robinson then distributed awards to each and every MIT camper. It was awesome, funny and heartwarming all

at the same time! Can't wait for next summer's night activities!

On Tuesday, the Senior Division enjoyed a trip out to Wheels of



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Fun—Marine Park! In two separate shifts, to maximize “wheel time” campers trekked out to Brooklyn and had an incredible time test-driving and racing all the wheeled contraptions at the park. Rabbi Greenfield was hands-on making sure that all campers were safe and having a blast!

Now let’s get back to Colorwar Breakout! Man, was it believable! After davening Mincha, Rabbi Bennett seemed confused about something. It seems that the Junior Division couldn’t find his son, Moshe, or Moshe’s friend, Yeshaya Levin. The radios were busy with the commotion of finding these two junior division campers. Rabbi Bennett ran out of Mincha to ask Rabbi Friedler what was going on! He looked scared. Finally, Rabbi Friedler called up Active Kidz, the trip the Junior Division had gone on earlier that day. The campers were left at the trip!!! No way!!! Rabbi Bennett was furious! He ran out of the lunchroom and headed straight for his car.

All the while, campers were waiting for what was going to unfold. All of a sudden, Rabbi Bennett burst into the lunchroom, yelling at Rabbi Friedler, “This is unacceptable! This is unforgivable! This is COLORWAR 2017!!!” Rabbi Medetsky followed hoisting the two campers on his shoulders waving the banner of COLORWAR 2017! The teams of PURIM BLUE and CHANUKAH RED were then announced as Staff were introduced to the cheers of their teams!

The next 3 days followed with non-stop COLORWAR festivities! From songs, skits and cheers to competitions, sports and races—COLORWAR was in full swing, AREIVIM STYLE!

The lunchroom was decorated in teams’ colors. Campers were adorned and painted in their team’s colors. The entire campus was a COLORWAR FIELD! Cheering could be heard throughout the hallways and the intensity was palpable at every corner’s turn.

The highlights definitely included each team’s Alma Matters and Skits as they highlighted many of the amazing elements of Camp Areivim. Yasher ko’ach to our MITs, Yitzi Muchnick and Daniel Ginian for delivering beautiful Divrei Hala-cha for their teams.



On Friday, Erev Shabbos, winners of COLORWAR were announced. And although both teams were amazingly competitive and extremely successful, there could only be 1 winner. And that team is the team of... HAVE AN AMAZING SHABBOS KODESH!!! Be sure to read through the itineraries and instructions for next week’s OVERNIGHTS!!!

- Rabbi Bennett

HAKARAS HATOV

I know it’s hard (and sad) to believe, but Camp ends next week. I cannot say enough to do justice to the incredible dedication of our staff this summer. Please show your hakaras hatov to our staff who have really gone above and beyond and have given our campers an amazing summer experience. A suggested tip schedule is included with this week’s newsletter.

Sneak Peek into Next Week

5th-8th Grade

MONDAY

NIAGARA OVERNIGHT

(Itinerary Attached)

4th Grade

TUESDAY

COCO KEYS OVERNIGHT

(Itinerary Attached)

League Updates

Rabbi Tsvi Greenfield

STAY TUNED FOR PLAYOFFS NEXT WEEK!

Something to Say at the Tish

Rabbi Tzvi Finkel

The Gemara in Berachos shares an interesting discussion. The Malachim ask Hashem how He can show favoritism toward the Bnei Yisroel? In the Torah it's written, "A judge may not show favorites."

Hashem answers, "How can I not favor the Bnei Yisroel? After all, they do way more than their responsibilities. The Torah requires one to say Birchas Hamazon after eating a bread meal in which one gets full. They, however, are careful to recite Birchas Hamazon even after eating only a small amount of k'zayis or k'beitza.

The question is obvious. If we are not required to bentch, why is it that Birchas Hamazon was instituted when eating the smaller amount?

Reb Shimon Schwab, zt"l, explains that in a perfect world a person does need to eat a lot in order to get full. One can eat a little and Hashem will send Bracha and the person will be full. Even though we are not holding on that level yet we are constantly striving to be on that level of perfection. Therefore, we bentch when eating even a small amount even though we are not yet full to show that our desire is to be on the level we are capable of achieving.

Parsha Questions: Parshas Eikev

What must the Jewish People do to ensure that Hashem will fulfill His promise to do good for us?

7:12 - Guard even the "easy" commandments.

What were the:

- (a) wonders
- (b) strong hand
- (c) outstretched arm

that the Jewish People saw in Mitzrayim?

**7:19 - (a) The Makos;
(b) Dever;
(c) Makas Bechoros.**

When a group performs a *mitzvah*, whose name is attached to the *mitzvah*?

8:1 - The person who finishes it.

How did the Jewish People do their laundry in the *midbar*?

8:4 - The *ananei kavod* (clouds of glory) cleaned and bleached their clothes.

How did the Jewish People obtain clothing for their growing children in the *midbar*?

8:4 - As their children grew, their clothing grew with them.

How many days did Moshe spend on Har Sinai altogether?

9:18 - 120 days.

On what day did Moshe come down from Har Sinai having received complete forgiveness for the Jewish People?

9:18 - The tenth of Tishrei, Yom Kippur.

How was Aharon punished for his role in the eigel?

9:20 - His two sons died.

Who made the aron in which Moshe placed the second set of luchos?

What special function did it later serve?

10:1 - Moshe. This aron would accompany the Jewish People into battle.

Which sin of the Jewish People was prompted by the death of Aharon?

10:6-7 - When Aharon died the *ananei kavod* departed, causing many Jews to fear war with the King of Arad and to retreat toward Mitzrayim.

Why were the *levi'im* chosen by Hashem?

10:8 - Because they did not participate in the sin of the eigel.

Why do the *levi'im* have no portion in the land?

10:9 - Since they served in the Bais Hamikdash, thus they were not free to work the land.

All aspects of man's life are in Hashem's "hands" except one. What is this?

10:12 - Fear of Heaven, which is dependent upon the person.

What is the "added benefit" of observing the *mitzvos*?

10:13 - There is reward.

What is meant by circumcising one's heart?

10:16 - To remove those things that block the words of Torah from entering.

What are the sources of water for the fields of Egypt and *Eretz Yisrael*?

11:10 - Mitzrayim is irrigated by manually carrying water up from the Nile. *Eretz Yisrael* is supplied by rainwater requiring no work on the part of its inhabitants.

What path does the Torah prescribe for gaining new knowledge?

11:13 - By repeatedly reviewing what one knows, one more easily acquires new knowledge.

Which activity is "serving Hashem with the heart"?

11:13 - Prayer.

When the Jewish People sin, why are they considered worse than the generation of the flood?

11:17 - Because the generation of the flood had no one from whom to learn.

How does one "cleave to Hashem"?

11:22 - Attaching oneself to Torah scholars.



PURIM BLUE





CAMP RED